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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Scott A. Robertson, et al.

Examiner: M. Brannock

Serial No: 09/884,211

Art Unit: 1646

Filed: June 18, 2001

Docket: 15755 (PC10743A)

For: NOVEL MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR
SEQUENCES AND SCREENING ASSAYS TO
IDENTIFY COMPOUNDS USEFUL IN
REGULATING ANIMAL APPETITE AND
METABOLIC RATE

Dated: October 4, 2004

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

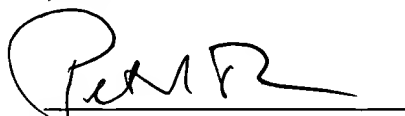
Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated June 3, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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